

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 01/16/2014

Agency Name: Division of Child and Family Services

Agency Address: 1735 Kaiser Street
Fallon District Office, Fallon, NV 89406

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor:
01/6/2014 via Courtesy Notification

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1253128

Type of Report: ☒ 48 Hour Notice ☒ 15 Day Update ☐ 30 Day Update ☒ Final

☒ **Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 01/02/2014

☐ **Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:**

☐ **Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of**
_____ **law enforcement.**

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:**
01/06/2014
- B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):**
Fernley, Lyon County, Nevada
- C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:**
The child was struck by a motor vehicle as the vehicle was backing out of the driveway. The driver of the vehicle was not a family member. There were allegations of abuse or neglect reported.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
April 28, 2008, female child
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
January 2, 2014
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**
The release of the cause of the fatality will remain pending until receipt of official coroner documentation.

G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so:

- (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality;
- (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality;
- (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and
- (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

Washoe County Department of Social Services has had the following involvement with household members:

9/13/2000 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be substantiated.
5/18/2001 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be substantiated.
4/12/2002 - a report of physical abuse and sexual abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
6/6/2002 - a report of physical abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
5/9/2007 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
6/7/2007 - a report of emotional abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
7/6/2007 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be substantiated.
7/14/2007 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be substantiated.
2/17/2009 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
11/6/2009 - a report of physical abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
8/21/2010 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
4/20/2011 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
6/14/2011 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.
7/12/2011 - a report of neglect was investigated and found to be substantiated.
1/10/2012 - a report of physical abuse was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated.

From May 22, 2001 through May 8, 2002 a child in the household was in the custody of Washoe County Social Services. A case plan was developed with the family and services were provided. The case was subsequently closed with the child(ren) reunified.

From July 14, 2007 through January 7, 2010 children in the household were in the custody of Washoe County Social Services. A case plan was developed with the family and services were provided. The case was subsequently closed with the child(ren) reunified.

From July 12, 2011 through July 13, 2012 children in the household were in the custody of Washoe County Social Services. A case plan was developed with the family and services were provided. The case was subsequently closed with permanent guardianship of the child(ren) granted to a family member.

H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality:

- (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and
- (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and
- (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

No action will be taken by the Division of Child and Family Services surrounding this fatality.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3)); 4) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.